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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 487

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PURPOSE: The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) was established by the Legislature in 1973. The institute provides education, research, and service programs relating to food, agriculture, agribusiness, natural resources, and human resources. Among the specialized centers and units under the auspices of the institute are the Agriculture Research and Development Center in Mead, the Biological Chemistry Center, the Biotechnology Center, the Center for Grassland studies, the Communications and Information Technology Unit, the Food Processing Center, the 4-H Development Unit, the Great Plains Regional Center for Global Environmental Change, the Industrial Agricultural Products Center, the Leadership Development Center, the Nebraska Forest Services, the Nebraska Industrial Competitive Server, the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, the Rural Community Revitalization and Development Center, the Sustainable Agricultural Systems Center, and the Water Center and Environmental Programs. While the administrative headquarters are located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), faculty of the institute are not only

located on the UNL campus but also at Research and Extension Centers in Clay Center, Concord, Lincoln, North Platte, and Scottsbluff, at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, at university-affiliated sites in Grand Island, Norfolk, and Omaha, and in most of Nebraska's ninety-three counties. The purpose of this interim study is to examine:

(1) The priorities of the University of Nebraska for the IANR relating to the university's commitment to, and current and future funding for, the IANR; and

(2) The commitment of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus to enhancing the IANR's purpose of maintaining the mission of a land grant university and meeting the needs of Nebraska's agricultural and natural resources across the state through extension services, research, and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee and Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with any recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Legislative Resolution 487, which was passed by the Legislature of Nebraska in the Ninety-sixth Legislature, Second Session, on the XXXX(words)XXXX day of March 2000.

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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE